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1903 09 03

Two firewood dealers were charged with stealing a quantity of timber, the property of the Roses Timber Company. The company had purchased 53 trees on the Madingley Estate, amongst which were two elms; later they found that 17 feet had been cut from one of them, and ten feet from the other. Police discovered the timber on the defendants' premises in Beche Road, Cambridge. When questioned they said it had come from King's Hedges. They were each fined £3.

1908 10 09

Arbury Road houses proposed – CWN 08 10 09

1912 03 08

Members of the University Officers' Training Corp together with the Leys, Perse and County School O.T.C. took part in night operations with the Honorary Artillery Company from London. A brisk engagement in the vicinity of Arbury Camp culminated in the capture and blowing-up of a gun posted at the windmill near Histon station. The night was not favourable for a surprise attack, the moon was shining brightly and the defenders opened fire. Soon a brisk musketry duel was in progress. 12 03 08b

1916 03 15

Farm Fire. A serious outbreak of fire occurred at King's Hedges, near Milton, on Wednesday evening on a farm in the occupation of three smallholders, Messrs. Hawkes, Curtis and Tuffin. The fire was first observed shortly before nine o'clock, and before the flames were got under control great damage had been done to the outhouses, all of which were practically burnt, whilst a pony and two pigs were also destroyed. A good deal of concern was felt in Cambridge, the reflection of the flames in the sky being plainly seen from the town. Helpers from Histon and Milton and a party of soldiers, led by an officer who had noticed the glare in the sky, rendered valuable assistance in fighting the flames, whilst the County Police, under the direction of the Deputy Chief Constable (Supt. Webb), also afforded valuable aid. The house and several stacks and a good deal of livestock were thus saved. The loss, we understand, was covered by insurance.

1919 02 05

Chivers motor car involved fatal accident in Arbury Rd – photo – 19 02 05b

1921 03 30

William Radford taxi catches fire, Arbury Rd – 21 03 30b

1922 04 20

The Whippet meeting arranged by the Cambridge Whippet Racing Club was held in the club's straight running ground, Arbury Road, Cambridge, when a good crowd of spectators witnessed some very decent running. The weather conditions were far from ideal for dog racing, and undoubtedly were responsible for some indifferent running

1922 08 28

A good crowd and a fair number of entries went to make a success of the Cambridge Whippet Racing Club's meeting, which was held in the Straight Running Ground, Arbury-road. The meeting was the last of a series of evening meetings arranged by the club and unfortunately was not favoured with very good weather. The racing was very close and exciting and several "certs" came "unstuck"

1925 02 06

Cambridge Housing and Town Planning committee recommended the council purchase land at the junction of Milton Road and King's Hedges road for £2,400. It was light soil, very suitable for the erection of houses. The Council had never bought land at such a cheap rate.

Ald Starr said a very serious objection was that Milton road was not skewered up to that point and it would cost something up to £8,000 to lay the sewers required.

1927 10 18

Cambridge Planning Committee considered a letter from the Cambridge Co-operative Society asking for St James Road to be renamed Sleaford Street. They agreed to take steps to this end. The Housing committee agreed that Triplex stoves be installed in the 112 houses being erected on the King's Hedges site and that work proceed with distempering 24 timber-framed houses on the site.

1927 11 26

Chesterton RDC received the layout submitted by Cambridge Estates Ltd for a new building estate in the parish of Impington. They had acquired 30 acres of land. The estate a considerable frontage to Arbury Road. It could be drained mainly into Milton Road by a new road to be called Hurst Park Avenue. It would be developed uniformly on garden suburb lines with wide roads & grass verges.

1930 02 14

Large crowds gathered for the stone-laying of the new Arbury Road Baptist Church Hall and School. The new church will have the support of the Old Chesterton Baptists who will vacate their present chapel when the new building is complete. It will serve the needs of inhabitants of Green End Road, Milton Road and the Hurst Park & Chesterton Hall Estates and will be able to welcome members of other denominations. The ceremony was one of the most unique ever performed, there being six foundation stones laid. 30 02 14

1930 07 18

There were remarkable scenes at the opening services of the Arbury Road Baptist Church Hall and School. When the doors were flung open the crowd was far too large for the building. Although many stood at the rear many more had to be content with standing outside and taking part in the proceedings through the open windows. It meets the religious needs of a large residential area of 4,000 people which has come into existence since the war and it is hoped to built a chapel within a few years 30 07 18

1930 07 25

Cambridge councillors have received consent for a new road from Milton Road to Histon Road at a cost of £18,135. St John's College would give the land which was required for housing purposes, it would be one of the best estates and the frontages would sell at very high price. Grants have been received for King's Hedges and Green End Road as part of the unemployment scheme with one-third of the labour being imported from the distressed areas. 30 07 25d

1932 03 30

Described by its builders and furnishers as 'the ideal home at the ideal price on the ideal terms' there is a newly built house in King's Hedges Road which all prospective purchasers should inspect. With two receptions, three bedrooms, a bathroom and large garden it is on sale at the remarkably reasonable price of £625 freehold or for £35 deposit and 19/6 (97p) weekly. Robert Sayle has completely furnished it at a price of £140.10s. Lucky will be the wife whose husband presents her with this home. 32 03 30

1934 04 30

Three houses were damaged by one flash of lightning in Lovell Road, one of the new roads off Milton Road. The house which sustained the greatest damage was fortunately unoccupied; it struck the chimney stack and ripped a large hole in the roof. The flash spanned the road, missed no.113 but broke windows at nearby properties. It was seen by Mr Dale who was

putting up curtains at the time and was thrown from one side of the room to the other. 34 04 30

1936 03 06

The Star Brewery want a new pub, The Golden Hind, on Milton Road, an area of 1,010 houses of which the majority had been built since 1927. It was not ribbon development but housing estates on each side and practically built up to the railway gates. King's Hedges Road would form part of the new Ring Road so further development might be expected there. If granted the brewery would surrender the licence of the 'Racehorse' on Newmarket Road and the 'Plume of Feathers'. The Women's Total Abstinence Union opposed the application. 36 03 06

1937 03 01

A horse attached to a milk float belonging to Messrs W.H. Onyett, dairymen of Chesterton, bolted while standing outside a house in Ramsden Square. After a run of about three hundred yards during which it rounded two sharp corners, distributing pieces of harness, milk crates and bottles, it came to a halt in King's Hedges Road when the near-side wheel was wrenched off the cart 37 03 01b

1937 12 08

Sir – two months ago I visited Kings Hedges Road and was surprised to find that an entirely new, first class road has been constructed, sewered, channelled, kerbed, grass verged. This has been done by the council under an agreement with the owners who threw into the highway just under half an acre of land, worth £50. The total cost of making the road was nearly £1,500. The building speculators have received a substantial gain, a splendid road, enhanced price for the houses erected, resulting in a bigger profit for them at the expense of the ratepayers – Geo. Edwards 37 12 08

1937 12 16

Back in 1924 Green End Road and Kings Hedges Road were narrow country roads with hedges on each side and a narrow carriageway in the centre with rough grass margins on either side. Then the Cambridge Town Planning Scheme began to evolve and development started to take place. The Corporation built some wood framed houses on the west side of Kings Hedges Road and the housing society erected houses on the same side of Green End Road. Gradually houses began to appear on the opposite side and then the proposed ring road was agreed. Builders told to keep their houses far enough back to enable the required width but then the council purchased the land and constructed the ring road in front of the properties without any cost to them. The same procedure was followed on King's Hedges Road from Milton Road to the old borough boundary 37 12 16c

1938 02 03

King's Hedges Road was shown as a private carriageway under the Inclosure Award of 1840, so why was it now repairable by Cambridge ratepayers, Councillor Edwards asked. The Town Clerk said that in 1912, when the Borough was extended, part of King's Hedges Road was handed over by Chesterton Urban District Council as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large and in 1934 the County passed over the remaining portion on the same terms. It seemed Chesterton UDC had simply begun repairing the road thus making it a public highway. It was a mistake made in good faith and it would be a waste of time to consider it further. 38 02 03b

1938 03 24

King's Hedges Road controversy – no further action – 38 03 24c

1938 08 08

Hundreds of acres of barley ripe for the reaper were devastated by a disastrous storm which raged over Gt Wilbraham. Hailstones as large as lump sugar left a trail of destruction; beet was stripped of its greenery as if by a plague of locusts, hedges cut by the sharp ice and barriers of ice, like miniature mountain ranges rose to a high of four feet. "It would have killed a man if he had been out in it", an old farm worker said. 38 08 08a & b

1939 10 27

Mr. A. J. Scudamore. The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. A. J. Scudamore, boat builder, who died the previous Thursday at his home, Rosario, King's Hedges Road, Cambridge. Mr. Scudamore was in business with his brother, the late Mr. J. C. Scudamore, who died about a year ago, assisting him in the carrying-on of the well-known business in Mill Lane and the Granta Boathouse. When motor launches were first introduced on the Cam, deceased built several of them, and they attained considerable success in the races promoted by the Motor Boat Club. He was also one of the first members of the club.

1939 10 27

Evacuees entertained Baptist Church Hall, Arbury Rd – 39 10 27

1940 05 17

Charles Lovell Naylor was estate agent, set up Cambridge Building Materials Supply Co, built houses in Scotland Road and King's Hedges Road but war caused problems; purchased Rendezvous Cinema in 1930, rebuilt it after fire 1931 but sold due ill health and lost money – 40 05 17

1942 09 25

Did he escape from Singapore? Among the Cambridge men reported missing when Singapore fell was Sapper William Hall, of 178 King's Hedges Road, Cambridge. His wife has now received news from a Mrs. Harradine of 13 Owlstone Road, Cambridge, that her husband was amongst those who made their escape from the Japanese. It will be remembered that the escape of Mrs Harradine's husband. Lt. R. R. L Harradine was reported last March. Mrs. Harradine has now received a letter from her husband saying that Sapper Hall was with him when he got away from Singapore. Mrs. Hall, however, has heard nothing from her husband, and is endeavouring to get in touch with him

1945 08 29

VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherry Hinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, King's Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd, Sedgwick St, Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a

1947 07 16

In order to complete the Housing Committee's anticipated programme of 5,000 houses, the following additional site are to be purchased subject to the approval of the Minister of Health. Arbury Road-King's Hedges (number of houses 1,300); Coleridge Road (180), Queen Edith's Way (250), Cherry Hinton Road (365). Total number of houses 2,095.

1949 04 14

Delay in Cambridge corporation authority's gaining access to 40 acres of allotments in Coleridge Road in readiness for their use as a housing site would upset the rate of the council's housing programme, it was stated at an Inquiry. The corporation owned two other areas of land for housing. One, recently purchased, was in Queen Edith's Way. The other, the Arbury road site, it was proposed to develop as a neighbourhood unit with ultimately 1,000 houses, but it was unlikely it could be adequately serviced for building for at least 2½ years

1951 03 14

Approval of the layout of the new housing estate between Gilbert Road and Arbury Road is to be recommended by Cambridge council. Sites are provided for three-storey flats, semi-detached and blocks of four houses, a church, community centre, shops, cinema, public house and a nursery school.

1952 08 20

What may prove to be an important Roman discovery has been unearthed at a building site in Arbury Road, Cambridge. While excavating a trench for a new sewerage system Mr C. Taylor came across a coffin hewn out of solid stone. He lifted the lid, weighing many hundredweight, and there, completely enclosed in a lead lining was a complete skeleton. Nearby was another, also in good condition. It seems possible this was the burial place of an important Roman family as the stone must have been imported and the coffin enclosed in a layer of chalk – there is no chalk in the immediate area.

1953 08 19

There have been several important archaeological finds of the Roman era on the Arbury Road building site. Traces of the Roman Road, Akeman Street, a cemetery, a building and extensive rubbish pits have all been unearthed. Two waterworks engineers found some pottery and a quantity of glass which had been imported from the Rhine. But some of this has been lost; it was left on the edge of a trench and has been taken by someone not knowing its historical value

1953 10 07

For four years Mr Ken Allen had had his name down on the waiting lists for a council house. After all that time he decided he would wait no longer – and he set to work to build his own home. On Monday he stood under his own roof. Inside and out nearly a score of self-builders, members of the Cambridge Self-Build Housing Association were putting in the window frames, hammering home the floorboards, measuring here, sawing there and generally completing the interior of his house in time for moving in before Christmas. The six-roomed semi-detached dwelling on the Arbury Road housing site will have cost £1,300 – and for that he gets a house worth £2,000.

1954 04 22

Cambridge Coun Mrs Phyllis Clarke told a meeting: "One hears a lot about the big housing rate, but it is only 8d in the pound –the same rate as the Library service. Do we hear of book borrowers being jeered at because they take home subsidised books, or properly owners complain about the cost of a subsidised policeman guarding his property". The housing programme should be expanded but she condemned the "little rabbit hutches masquerading as houses on the Arbury Road Estate"

1954 07 19

The Minister's decision on the County Development Plan has been announced. The only major Cambridge items not approved are the site of the bus station between Christ's college & Emmanuel and the proposed development for residential purposes of the smallholding land north of Arbury Road. All the central area road proposals including the 'spine relief road', the new Guildhall Street and a cross-town route joining Emmanuel Street with Downing Street

have been approved together with the new Chesterton Bridge over the Cam near Walnut Tree Avenue, a multi-storey car park in Corn Exchange Street and a subway at the railway station.

1955 01 21

A proposal to sell up to 300 plots of the Arbury Road housing estate for private building was questioned by City Councillors. Messrs Mowlem had asked for plots for 100 houses and William Sindall were interested in another 29 fronting Arbury Road. The council was faced with slum clearance and would have to buy land to re-house the people displaced. The Housing Committee existed to provide as many houses for people as possible and if builders offered to erect 300 houses with subsidy, without adding to the rates or national taxation then they could welcome them. But people affected by slum clearance would not be able to afford these houses 55 01 21

1955 02 02

Plans are going ahead for the new Arbury Road Estate which should in time take a large bite out of Cambridge's 4,337 housing waiting list. Stage one will include about 240 houses, flats and bungalows; a shopping centre; two churches (Church of England and Methodist); a cinema and a publichouse. Already roads and sewers have been laid and it is hoped to start building some of the houses this year. But the shops will be a longer-job and will be built to keep pace with the demand. The new Primary School should be occupied this September. The land to the south of Arbury Road will ultimately accommodate 1,600 families in Council and privately-owned houses and it is possible the land to the north may be developed along the same lines. 55 02 02

1955 06 02

The first service was held on the site of the new church at Arbury Road, Cambridge. As a procession from parish church of St Luke's Chesterton, made its way to the site a congregation from the estate, St Augustine's and St George's was assembling. At the time of the building of St Luke's there were many who expected it to be a failure; the same was being said today but they hoped to have a church erected on the site fairly soon. 55 06 02

1955 09 16

On the map in 10 weeks. The first completed dwelling on the Arbury Road estate extension, designed and built by Monkman of Halifax Road, Cambridge was started on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1955 and occupied on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. – Advert 55 09 16b

1956 11 10

Garry Drive, a private street and a cul-de-sac just off King's Hedges Road which ends at the railway, was constructed by a Mr Naylor. He put down kerbs and channels and in May 1939 was contemplating finishing the road himself, but the war intervened. He then left for Australia but his wife owns three properties and has written from Melbourne objecting to the council's proposed charge for making up the road. 56 11 10b

1957 07 25

John Mowlem, 'a famous name in building' have a number of houses in Tedder Way, Hurrell Road and Harding Way on the Arbury Road Estate ready for immediate occupation. First class construction, part central heating and decorations to the purchaser's choice. Prices from £2,550 on easy purchase terms: deposit £255 and repayments from £3.9.6. per week. You are cordially invited to inspect the show house at 42 Hurrell Road which is open daily – advert 57 07 25a

1957 07 31

Princess Margaret left the Arbury Estate several minutes late after laying the foundation stone of the new church of Nicholas Farrar – because a large wasp found its way on to the back seat of her car. She got in and quickly jumped out again. Her private detective spent several



minutes removing it before she drove off to a garden party at St Luke's vicarage amid cheers from the huge crowd. 57 07 31

1957 08 01

Two groups of Cambridge people, one small and ageing, the other large and young will always carry vivid and happy memories of Princess Margaret's visit. One are the happy band who are passing away their 'twilight years' in the comfort and beauty of Langdon House, which she officially opened. The other are the young families who live on the new housing estate at Arbury Road where the foundation stone of a new church was laid. The Princess came into their midst, laughing, joking and chatting with them, radiating her charm and personality wherever she went. 57 08 01c

1957 09 05

Arbury estate from the air – photo – 57 09 05

1957 10 15

Flats on Arbury Road estate – 57 10 15

1958 02 26

Manor school heated pool plans – 58 02 26d & e

1958 03 11

Arbury Road to be home for replacement slum houses – 58 03 11b

1958 03 27

Alex Wood pub licence granted, Arbury – 58 03 27b

1958 10 09

Residents in Beaumont Road off Queen Edith's Way Estate appealed for a reduction in rates to bring them into line with houses on Montgomery Road near the Arbury Estate. They enjoyed fewer nearby amenities – the shops were half-a-mile away whilst residents in Montgomery Road were near one of the most modern shopping centres in Cambridge. Beaumont Road had larger gardens and backed on to open land but Montgomery Road properties were intermingled with Council houses. 58 10 09

1958 10 23

Sir – There are a considerable number of car owners living on the Arbury Estate who have to travel a considerable distance to obtain petrol so it is very important that a garage and filling station should be erected on land fronting Arbury Road and Alex Wood Road. Arrangements have already been made to provide shopping facilities for the growing population and a service station is essential – Norman Lee, Harding Way. 58 10 23

1959 06 15

Roseford Hall, on the new Arbury Estate, is an extension of the activities of the Christian Brethren of Panton Hall. It has well equipped classrooms, all of which will be needed, for already over 200 children are enrolled for the Sunday School. An invitation to local residents to inspect the new building was met by such a large response that there was 'standing room only' 59 06 15

1959 06 23

Planning permission has been granted for flats, maisonettes and 346 houses on three fields in King's Hedges Road while the site of the prefabricated bungalows will be suitable for a further 32 dwellings when they were eventually removed. There should be a through road to Arbury Road as soon as possible. Now the Council may buy the land from the University. 59 06 23a

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1959 12 16

The Arbury Estate gained its second public house within 12 days with the opening of the Carlton Arms. It is unique in that it is sponsored, owned and run by two breweries, Wells and Winch and Whitbread's. Designed in a conventional fashion, it has a brightly-decorated public bar and a saloon bar that can be separated into a lounge bar by means of a Bolton gate. The new landlords, Mr & Mrs Alan Davis were previously at the Still and Sugar Loaf on the Market Square. 59 12 16b

***The Cambridgeshire Collection at Lion Yard Library has a newspaper cuttings file on this topic from the early 1960s***

1960 02 17

Cambridge Children's Playground Association was started after builders complained about children playing destructively with their building materials and when it was noticed that the ordinary playgrounds did not attract many youngsters. The first experimental playground was in Newmarket Road and now one may be formed on the Arbury Estate. There are hundreds of children who have already formed the habit of playing in the streets and in the shopping precinct while the estate has waited six years for a playground. The spinney at Cherry Hinton would also be an ideal site for an 'adventure playground' 60 02 17

1960 03 18

Pub inn signs have been making a comeback. The Blue Lion at Fen Ditton has a three-dimensional figure of the heraldic beast, The Angel in Market Street have put up a very pleasant sign while the new Snocat on the Arbury estate commemorates Sir Vivian Fuch's journey to the South Pole. One of the nicest of the old signs is the big glowing Golden Rose which grows out of the wall over the door of the little public house in Emmanuel Street 60 03 18b

1960 04 29

A Cambridge church in the course of erection, at present serving families whose membership extends from babies in arms to septuagenarians, once again could not cope with the size of its congregation at Easter. It is the Church of St Nicholas Ferrar on the Arbury Road Estate. The foundation stone was laid in July 1957 by Princess Margaret and part of the building was dedicated in December of the following year. But the congregation has grown too large and at Easter the parish communion had to be divided into two to accommodate the 80 families who meet there on Sundays 60 04 29b

1960 07 07

In order to rescue the Arbury Estate from the 'grave danger of creating deserts of asphalt' a playground should be constructed on a site between Alex Wood Road and Mere Way. It would have a mound of earth 15 feet high and an open flat area providing scope for ball games, tricycles, marbles etc with a play park equipped with vertical and horizontal tree trunks. The ground is to be made deliberately uneven with mounds and hollows for imaginative play. But swings have been condemned as dangerous and expensive 60 07 07

1960 09 23

Mr & Mrs Peter Issitt of Arbury Road have a beautiful small landscaped garden with miniature Alpine outcrops planned to give an illusion of space. The pond attracts a variety of

wild life. Two hedgehogs, seven toads and a collection of frogs live in the garden and birds come each day for bathing and drinking. Their two small daughters have no complaints. They have a lawn with a swing to play on and appreciate the artistic setting 60 09 23

1960 11 22

Land between Kings Hedges Road and the Arbury estate may be bought by the city for housing – 60 11 22a

1961 04 18

Sir – Arbury Estate is already overcrowded and is alive with children for whose needs only the minimum facilities have been provided. Already some 730 residents have signed a petition calling for a number of open spaces for youngsters. Now the council is planning to build two blocks of flats on land at the top of Alex Wood Road. These should be resited to give a park for mothers with their prams and old people to sit in the sun with perhaps a bowling green like the one on the Whitehill estate – P.W. Cadogan, Arbury Estate Children's Playgrounds Committee 61 04 18

1961 06 29

The Manor Secondary Schools in Arbury Road were officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. The new buildings are designed to accommodate 450 boys and 450 girls in two separate departments linked by shared dining facilities and with a single boiler house. The Boy's Department opened in September 1959 and was shared by the girls until theirs became available in September 1960. It is the third secondary school project to be completed in Cambridge since the war 61 06 29a

1961 10 10

City council may purchase 160 acres of land north of Arbury Road – 61 10 10

1962 01 05

Alderman Albert Ernest Stubbs died at his home in Arbury Road. A Yorkshire man by birth, he came to Cambridge in 1914 and was for some years employed by the CDN as a rotary printing machinist in charge of the printing presses. In 1917 he'd been a member of the Agricultural Wages Committee and during the war was appointed to the County War Agricultural Executive Council. Ald Stubbs had an active political career on both County and Town Councils and was elected as Cambridgeshire's first Labour MP in 1945, serving until 1950. 62 01 05b

1962 02 21

Grove primary school named – 62 02 21a

1962 04 16

The parish of St George, Chesterton, has practically doubled in the past five years. Twenty four members of the congregation were engaged in welcoming new families on the new King's Hedges Estate. But the need for the appointment of a curate to assist the Vicar, the Rev J. Degwel Thomas, was urgent. Amongst those elected to the Parochial Church Council were Donald & Derrick Flory. 62 04 16a

1962 07 09

Plans for an 11-storey block of 60 flats on the junction of Roseford Road and Carlton Way met with opposition from residents concerned it would cut out a lot of light from nearby houses. Members of the Arbury Playgrounds and Open Spaces Committee say it is the only open space apart from the recreation ground on this side of the estate which will eventually house 10,000 people. You could not blame teenagers for getting into trouble if they had nowhere to go. 62 07 09

1962 08 28

Piped television begins in Cambridge on Saturday when 30 Arbury Estate subscribers tune in to receive three television and four radio programmes via a 170 ft mast in King's Hedges Road. The British Wireless Relay Company says the cost of laying a complete underground network was prohibitive but wherever possible the cables were being put in the least conspicuous places. People can hire sets for between 7s6d and 13s a week 62 08 28a

1962 10 12

An attempt to have plans for an 11-storey block of flats on the Arbury Housing Estate rejected immediately was defeated by the City Council. But they will ask the Surveyor to submit an alternative design before making a decision. Residents were unanimous in saying the block of flats was 'not desirable nor in the interest of the estate'. It would not give more units of accommodation because more open space would be needed around it. Councillor P.J. Warren said he would prefer to see high blocks in the centre of Cambridge. 62 10 12

1963 02 12

Cambridge City Council may sell 16 of its new homes, which have cost about £2,700 each to build (about £44,500 today), for a deposit of only £5 – with the buyer being allowed up to 30 years to repay the balance. The houses are in Jolley Way and Kent Way, new roads on the Arbury Estate. The City Treasurer says the scheme has been proposed as an experiment; it is the first time the idea has been suggested for Cambridge 63 02 12

1963 08 07

Minutes after the opening Cherry Hinton's new branch library by the Mayor of Cambridge, there were complaints that working men cannot get there before it closes at 7pm and it should stay open an extra hour. There has been a library of sorts for many years. Originally books were kept in a locked bookcase at the entrance to the Church of England School in High Street. It moved to Colville School in the mid-50's. Now work has started on Newmarket Road library after which another will be constructed on Arbury Road 63 08 07b

1963 09 13

Work on St Nicholas Ferrar, Good Shepherd church, Arbury estate 63 09 13b

1963 12 12

Arbury branch library plans – perhaps with flats above – 63 12 12

1964 04 17

Temporary classrooms at Bottisham and Arbury schools – 64 04 17b

1964 04 24

'Cambridge New Architecture' criticises the Addenbrooke's Hospital buildings in Hills Road. No doubt these bleak buildings work efficiently but the bungaloid growth of the out-patients building cannot mitigate the overall barrack-room atmosphere, it says. Bradwell's Court shopping centre is attractively self-effacing and the Snowcat is one of the few well-designed modern pubs. But other Arbury building is weak with prim brick terraces with utility steel or concrete doorways of modish design. It is a squandering of Cambridge's short-supply of housing land 64 04 24b

1964 05 29

Heavy explosions and columns of smoke around Duxford airfield marked the destruction of groups of blast baffle walls which were built when jet aircraft came into general use after the war. Dickerson's hope to get most of the 56 walls, each weighing 240 tons, down in one day. Sixteen baffles near the main road are being left until last so police can assess whether any special traffic precautions are needed. The concrete rubble will be broken into hardcore to be used for building work at Arbury Road. 64 05 29

1964 12 02

The twin estates of South Arbury and King's Hedges has hardly any social amenities with just one youth club which runs one evening a week in the Manor School canteen. Now Arbury Amenities Association has called for the development of a community centre and recreation ground on the corner of Campkin and Arbury Roads. There is always the danger of young children getting involved in accidents if they have to play in the roadway, especially as heavy lorries use it on their way to building sites. The licensee of the Snowcat public house says there are several hundred teenagers who have nowhere to go in the evenings except city centre dance halls. 64 12 02b

1964 12 10

Construction of five-storey block of flats on Arbury Road estate will be the biggest single housing development ever undertaken by the City Council – 64 12 10

1965 01 01

A shortage of bricks and labour problems, caused by the high wastage of recruits who complete their training before deciding that building is not for them, has forced Cambridge Council to experiment with a timber-based system for 32 houses on the Arbury Estate. Each costs nearly £800 more than conventional houses but traditional methods mean they would not be able to provide the 500 houses needed. The situation was exacerbated by the 200-odd eroding prefabs that have to be completely replaced almost immediately. But the Ministry of Housing rejected their plans saying it was too expensive– 65 01 01

1965 01 08

Plans for 32 industrialised 'factory-built' houses on Arbury Estate rejected by Government – 65 01 08a

1965 02 04

Arbury Court branch library foundations – photo – 65 02 04c

1965 02 05

Roseford Road – Carlton Way five-storey flats approved, Arbury – 65 02 05b

1965 03 25

Arbury estate has no facilities for social recreation; reports says these should be built at Trumpington – 65 03 25a

1965 06 01

Lucy Farren retires from Cherry's Sweetshop, Arbury Road corner after 40 years – 65 06 01

1966 01 27

Arbury Road Baptist church opened; small chapel built on site 125 years ago – 66 01 27

1966 01 12

Arbury Court branch library opened – 66 01 30; Reg Tarrant stocks shelves – 66 01 12

1966 03 07

Old car abandoned, Arbury – 66 03 07a

1966 04 04

Arbury estate play equipment, Hawkins Road – photo – 66 04 04b

1966 04 28

Grove Primary School, Campkin Road opened; Lady Bragg reminisces – 66 04 28a

1966 11 21

King's Hedges estate 10 acre site for recreation ground agreed near proposed housing development off Campkin Rd – 66 11 21

1967 02 13

King's Hedges housing estate master plan approved, will have central pedestrian core and open space - 67 02 13a

1967 07 12

King's Hedges Infants' school delay increases costs; dispute over blame – 67 07 12

1967 11 07

Arbury Estate rainfall has created pond dangerous to children – photo – 67 11 07

1968 07 31

Arbury Court shopping arcade –advertisement – 68 07 31

1968 10 10

Arbury – green bounded by Crowland Way and Cadwin Fields fills with water – photo – 68 10 10a

1968 10 28

King's Hedges School, built two years ago, needs major structural alterations – 68 10 28;

1968 11 27

Two schools to be re-roofed – 68 11 27

1969 08 27

Arbury Roman settlement – archaeology – 69 08 27a

1969 11 12

Cambridge Collection grows – 'Arbury News' magazines being added by J. Barham, is developing an S.D.I. system to inform readers; copy photos, use of books increases 50% in three years – 69 11 12

1970 06 26

Monsoon Day floods Campkin Road – 70 06 26 a & b

1971 03 19

Arbury residents cut off from shops; is functional and austere, offering adequate homes at economic rents and a place to sleep. But few pensioners can afford price of bus ride to centre and council puts off cheap bus fare scheme – 71 03 19a

1971 09 14

Arbury Estate gets new post office, Cameron Road – 71 09 14

1971 12 07

King' Hedges School water tower erected – 71 12 07b

1972 06 24

Labour councillors will ask the city council next week to build moderately priced houses - for sale to their tenants and private buyers - on land at Arbury Road, Cambridge, which the council plan to sell to property speculators. The six-acre site off Arbury Road - between St

Laurence Junior School and the newly built multi-storey council flats - is now on offer to developers prepared to give a good price and willing to draw up a development scheme acceptable to city planners. Some property sources have suggested that the land could be worth £500,000 to the city council

1972 07 13

For simple country folk, such as myself, living to the north of Cambridge, the Elizabeth Bridge is a godsend. For a year now it has enabled me to leave my home, 17 miles from the city, at a civilised hour and be at my office desk within 30 minutes. And in the evenings all I have to do is find my lane and with minimal traffic hold-ups be out on the A10 to Ely again. It now seems hard to remember that once one allowed at least 20 minutes for the Newmarket road- Arbury road run at either peak hour: that to be stuck interminably at Mitcham's Corner was a commonplace. Today my only wish is that more and more improvements are allowed by the planners so that everyone can enjoy a quality of life freed as much as possible from traffic pollution

1972 08 05

The long-awaited Cambridge Transportation Study was finally published yesterday. It is two years overdue and has cost £113,000 - almost £1,000 a page. It was jointly commissioned in 1967 by the Cambridge city and County Councils and the University. It was to be carried out by R. Travers Morgan and Partners and was estimated at that time to cost £78,000. Its major proposals include a Railway Road leaving the A10 south of the Trumpington street traffic lights, hugging the northbound railway track all the way to Newmarket Road. After crossing the Cam the new road would veer sharply west to follow the St Ives railway line along to the A10 Milton Road before linking up with Arbury Road. The Railway Road should be largely dual two-lane carriageway. Full construction could take many years

1972 12 02

The Arbury Estate, a local authority complex on the northern fringe of Cambridge and Bar Hill, a new village about five miles away, both suffer from the lack of a strong separate identity and from isolation. Bar Hill is suffering from the recent phenomenon of maximum human isolation. It arises from two factors. The first is that Bar Hill lies in a cul-de-sac. The second is that there are no lines of communication dissecting the village. This would not be so bad if there were something in the village to draw people from the surrounding area, such as a countryside museum, miniature railway or area sports centre. Without any major facilities or attractions the village is being bypassed by the community at large

1973 01 10

It is a popular view that Arbury must be treated differently from Cambridge's other outlying communities. Necklace village populations, it is argued, choose to settle away from the heart of a town and are more likely to create their own neighbourhood environments. The early Arbury settlers, on the other hand, had little choice. They were placed on an estate by circumstances over which they had little control. Because Arbury was built as an appendage of Cambridge it lacks trade, industry and recreation. And this has become a particularly serious problem since 1960 with the emergence of young vigorous families with a high proportion of active youngsters under the age of 15. Everywhere is flat and featureless. There are no mounds to run up, nor gradients to run down. It is mostly a flat maze of little dwellings and concrete paths

1973 06 22

Claims by a prominent Cambridge trades unionist that many bored and disgruntled Cambridge city council tenants were demanding to be moved from the Arbury estate were rejected this afternoon by the Housing Committee chairman, Coun John Powley. The claims were made by Don Millard. He said both young and old people were asking to be moved nearer to the city centre because they were bored with life at Arbury. He added that the

boredom was due to the lack of social and community facilities and a dearth of public houses. The claims were supported by Counc Mrs Janet Jones, a Labour county councillor for the area. "Arbury and Kings Hedges are just like an isolated satellite town", she said. "People are always asking us to help them move away because they do not like living there"

1973 08 17

As the temperatures soar the queues for ice cream get longer and longer but buying ice cream nowadays is an expensive business and prices vary considerably from queue to queue. This year ice cream should be cheaper because it is zero rated for VAT. In fact some of the ice cream makers have knocked 1p of some makes. A 3p lolly last year costs 2p in many places and a 6p choc bar last year can now be bought in some places for 5p. But prices vary from place to place. A medium sized ice cream at a shop in Arbury, Cambridge, costs 4p yet a similar one on Newmarket racecourse costs exactly double

1974 04 09

A gang of hooligans are terrorising old folk living on the Arbury estate in Cambridge, says County Councillor Mrs Janet Jones. She said the gang have let off fire extinguishers in the Edgecombe flats, cut down washing lines in the gardens of old peoples' bungalows, gathered at Arbury Court refusing to allow old people to pass and rampaged along the alleyways linking Crowland Way with Campkin Road, smashing dozens of windows in garden sheds. "There appears to be a gang going round and there is not much else one can do except to ask them to behave themselves", she said

1974 04 26

Plans are being discussed for another hospital to serve the Cambridge area in a bid to ease staff and administration problems at the giant new Addenbrooke's in Hills Road, Cambridge. The Department of Health have indicated that they think the ultimate 1,700-bed hospital is too big to be managed satisfactorily and too difficult to staff adequately. Officials have been studying surveys with a view to siting the new hospital near where it could best recruit nursing and ancillary staff. Ideally this would be near a big housing estate such as Arbury

1974 05 21

Residents of the north Arbury estate did not need a heat wave to remind them of their need for another pub and the opening of The Ship will meet with eager response. Campaigners for real ale will be pleased to find that Wells of Bedford are making this their fourth Cambridge pub, providing beer connoisseurs with their prize-winning bitter as well as a wide range of other beers, wines and spirits in spacious new premises

1974 06 04

The site of the Co-operative laundry in Cambridge, which closed at Easter, is now up for sale. The company bought the site in Histon road during the last war and began operations in 1941. At their peak 100 people worked there compared to the 60 at the time of their closure. "The problem was getting staff. It was terrible," said the Chief executive. They are keeping open three shops at Histon Road, Arbury Court and Mill Road

1974 08 02

The 1¼ acre Arbury adventure playground looks like a Wild West stockade, with tall telegraph poles visible above the high fencing and a tattered union jack blowing in the breeze. It lies on the northern edge of the housing estate. As many as 250 children are likely to be there during the school holidays. It was parents on the estate who got the venture going and raised the initial money. Fencing alone cost more than £1,000. Since then the city council have helped with grants



1974 08 28

Children on their own are banned from buying sugar in Lipton's Huntingdon supermarket because the manager says they are running a high price black-market. Others have taken action because mothers are sending in their children to beat the 2lb a family rationing by shops. In all towns in the area the story of the sugar stampede is the same : as soon as it appears in the shops it is snapped up. The manager of Civil's supermarket in St Ives said they were having to ration to make sure a steady flow was kept. In Cambridge sugar was not available at most supermarkets but Arbury Discount had enough for every customer to be allowed one bag.

1976 03 15

The possible closure to through traffic of Arbury Road, Cambridge, will be discussed by the city council. Some councillors have been pressing for years for the road closure as a way of improving the environment for people living in the Arbury area. The road is, at peak periods, one of the busiest in Cambridge with commuter traffic. The suggestions are certain to cause a storm of protest. The main objection will centre round the claim that a lot more traffic would be pushed on to the already busy Gilbert Road.

1976 05 11

In the early days of the Arbury estate there were many complaints about the lack of shopping facilities, but with the completion of Arbury Court with its quarter-of-a-million-pound supermarket and wide range of other shops, most of the residents are more than satisfied. A very different focal point is the local, the Snowcat. Quite controversial at the time it was constructed, this Greene King house has now settled down to provide what the residents really want – a place with a bit of atmosphere where they can get together in the same way as the regulars of a village pub

1976 06 10

The Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury estate, the Rev Martin Suter, climbed up the scaffolding to see workmen put the finishing touches to the iron and gold-leaf cross on the top of the church. He said a prayer of dedication before joining churchwardens and workmen for a glass of beer on the roof. It was one of the last things that had to be done before work on the church is completed in time for the visit of Princess Margaret, who laid the foundation stone in 1957

1976 07 27

It is not very often that one hears of a big building project being completed on schedule but Cambridge builders John Brignell and Co are two months ahead on two major council housing developments at Tanners Lane and Berrycroft Soham. At a time when the building trade in general is going through a sticky patch, Brignells are full of optimism. They have just been awarded two substantial contracts at Fen Ditton, for 218 dwellings, and the King's Hedges estate, Cambridge, for 167 houses, maisonettes and bungalows.

1976 10 28

It is 19 years since Princess Margaret laid the foundation stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury Road, Cambridge. At the time the first houses on the Arbury estate had been occupied for nearly four years and acres of land still remained to be built on. Today as she sees the church finally completed the changes in the area are striking. The population of the parish is now about 17,000. When the rest of the Kings Hedges estate is finished in a few years it will be nearer 20,000 – a fifth of the people in Cambridge. Houses stretch in every direction. Arbury now forms, in effect, a small town on the edge of Cambridge.

1976 10 28

Princess Margaret whisked around Cambridge on a brisk visit. At the Arbury Estate many local people stood out in the rain to welcome her. The royal party then left for Langdon

House, which she had opened during the previous visit where she met Mrs Francis Aldrich, the longest-serving member of staff. By now she was 15 minutes ahead of schedule for her visit to the University Clinical Medical School. "It threw us into panic stations" said the Secretary, Mr J.P. Howe

1977 05 18

Massive housing estates like Arbury in Cambridge and Oxmoor in Huntingdon are breeding grounds for drug abuse, says a Cambridge psychiatrist. While some of the young people started taking drugs through their family doctor's normal prescriptions, abuse was master-minded by European drug barons who imported the material via the east Coast ports. The influx of amphetamine-based drugs (pep pills) into large estates was considerable and there is a very sophisticated distribution network. Cannabis cost between £8 and £10 per quarter ounce – enough to last a casual user five or six days. Heroin cost around £40 a gramme.

1978 07 11

King's Hedges junior and infants' schools in Cambridge have closed because of a dysentery outbreak, three weeks after the first pupils went down with the disease. The number of children being kept at home has been rising daily – over 120 children and staff absent yesterday – and it is obvious they can no longer function normally. They may never know where the infection came from, with a changing number of children with the symptoms. If there is just one case in the school the very number of people using the building means it is likely to be passed on repeatedly

1978 07 13

Sightseers flocked to the dysentery-hit King's Hedges schools in Cambridge during the three week outbreak; they sat outside in their cars with the windows closed and pointed at it as if to say 'That is the unclean school'. The school caretaker and ancillary staff were publicly shunned in shops and pubs during the epidemic which hit nearly 100 people and closed the school. Coun Janet Jones praised the teachers: "They have been absolutely superb, and so have a lot of parents who kept their children at the school. And so have the kids", she said.

1978 10 12

Over the last four years Cambridge city council has completed many major housing schemes – estates like King's Hedges, Fulbourn Old Drift and Walpole Road. And the government's new schools, fire stations and other building also proved a boon to the casualties of the time – building contractors and architects. But there has now been a cut in new town development, and home building involving architects virtually ceased overnight. In the past year there has been an upturn in private house building, but it is nowhere near the boom of the 1960's.

1978 12 05

Supplying the needs of the massive Arbury housing estate is a daunting task but at Christmas the Arbury Court shopping precinct offers everything you could need. T. Sutton has Christmas trees while a good range of poultry is available from Dyers Meat and J. Whittaker. On a frosty morning the most tempting smell in the precinct is that of freshly-baked bread coming from Markillies Bakery who offer a wide range of cakes and pastries. Arbury Hardware has also taken on a festive appearance with a good selection of gifts from Timex watches to figurines.

1978 12 15

The East Anglian Railway Development Society urges the restoration of passenger trains on the Cambridge to St Ives line. Large domestic and industrial developments have taken place along the route and the new housing on the Arbury Road Estate would make for increased usage at Histon and even warrant a new halt in the Kings Hedges area. A Parkway station should be built to serve the Sawston area and Meldreth become the boarding point for Kings Cross trains.

1979 01 16

Cambridge's northern bypass is not a thing of beauty and has exposed the city's none-too-glorious backsides. Milton sewage works, the wrong end of the Arbury estate and a few dumping grounds that so far we have been able to conceal. For the local travelling along this stretch of dual carriageway is a new and rather bewildering experience. Coming at everything from an unfamiliar angle creates an impression that north Cambridgeshire as I knew it has been wiped off the map. The really beneficial effect has been the easing of the pressure on the Northampton Street / Castle Hill junction; five times I have passed through these usually overworked traffic lights with little delay.

1979 01 26

Two hundred people employed by Cambridge building firm R.H. Smart have lost their jobs. Work has ceased on the firm's major council housing jobs at King's Hedges, Arbury, where it contracted to build 214 houses and flats and employed 80 people. The firm began in 1960 as a plumbing business; it started on its first council housing contract in 1974 and took over Newmarket builders M. Carrick. Next year it had contracts worth £4 million to build 400 council houses

1979 02 22

As the rubbish collectors' strike continues it seems we are a tidy lot. Those now familiar piles of black shiny plastic have been kept in excellent order. A few 'hot tips' have burst into flames but as the strike goes on each dump begins to acquire a character of its own. At Arbury Court the residents' loyalty to the Beehive supermarket gives the tip a distinctive orange glow, but it is piled up against the side of the men's lavatories, blocking the air vents. In Glebe Road loose potato peelings and carrot tops spoil a tidy dump but probably the worst is the one in Nuffield Road.

1979 04 05

Cambridge City Council's scheme of building houses for sale to its tenants or people on the housing list has proved a great success. More than 150 couples applied to buy the 24 two and three-bedroomed houses which the council are completing at Walpole Road and selling for £10 - £12,000. Nearly 300 people have asked to buy the 300 houses being built by a private company in a joint scheme next to the council's King's Hedges estate. These range from one-bedroom flats at around £10,000 to three-bedroomed detached houses at £25,000. During the past two years the council has sold nearly 300 of its houses to tenants

1979 07 23

It is the start of an intensive six-week season at the Arbury Adventure Playground. Between 150 and 300 children will daily pour into the enclosure off Wagstaff Close. It is laid out like an outpost of the US Cavalry after the Indians have been. There is a 10-foot-high perimeter stockade, big main gates and a high watch-tower in the middle. In one corner is the livestock, all snuffling, clucking and crowing. On another is 'Venus' an old landing craft looking rather washed up and nearer the middle a large battered playhut. It is not for the fastidious or tidy-minded but it is an excellent place to light fires, cook sausages and potatoes and melt down old cola cans into aluminium ingots.

1980 01 10

Customers at Cherry's Stores in Norwich Street, Cambridge, have said goodbye to the couple who have run the shop for 34 years. Lionel Cherry and his wife Kathleen took over in 1946 and built up a business which, in days when petrol was cheaper, offered a free delivery service to Newnham and Arbury. The shop was the place where Robert Sayle started as a draper and has been a grocers for more than 100 years, owned in all that time by just three shopkeepers. It will be the end of a long family connection with the trade. Mr Cherry's uncle

had a shop on the junction of Arbury and Milton Roads which became known as Cherry's Corner

1980 12 11

The time taken to get through supermarket check-outs varies; at 6pm on a Thursday evening Tesco's Regent Street store, Cambridge was fairly busy and five out of the seven checkouts were in operation; it took nine minutes to get through. But at their Bar Hill store we queued for 21 minutes. At Bishop's, Arbury Court, paying by cheque meant the cashier had to get it approved by her colleague, which delayed the neighbouring queue. 80 12 11a & b

1981 05 15

Cambridge ecologists say a bus which can run on railway lines is the solution to transport problems in local villages. They plan to borrow a prototype and run it from the city centre to Huntingdon, using British Rail's tracks. It would stop at Mill Road, Chesterton and North Arbury as well as the former stations en route to Swavesey. From this point the tracks have been removed but it would run along the trackbed to St Ives and the Hemingfords. 81 05 15a

1981 09 18

Poltergeist manifestations, Arbury – Tony Cornell interviewed – 81 09 18c

1982 03 12

The Headmaster of Cambridge Manor School was forced to close his school at lunchtime after pupils went on the rampage. Children set fire to rubbish at the back of a building, smashed a door and set off a fire alarm. The trouble came on the first day of a teachers' work-to-rule which cut mealtime supervision to a minimum leaving the head with only four elderly dinner ladies for help. 82 03 12

1982 04 20

Newmarket Library is the first in the area to run a video lending library with 200 cassettes on offer at £1.95 per night. But Andrew McCulloch of Arbury Court who rents 1,000 films says although people have now got a video, or a thinking of getting, one business is not booming. An advertiser in the News offers 'adult' films for sale at £30, sent out in plain cardboard boxes. 82 04 20b

1982 05 20

The North Arbury Chapel in Cameron Road started in 1971 with weekly children's services in a building contractor's site hut. The numbers soon grew to 100 and they moved to the Grove Primary School, then swelled to 200 so they used a mobile prefabricated building. Now the first permanent building will be opened by Sir Fred Catherwood. 82 05 20

1982 05 20

Being manager of Bishop's store at Arbury Court is not an easy job. This week he had to cope with the aftermath of an armed robbery in which £3,000 was snatched. Then there are customer complaints. He does not mind his staff taking time to talk to customers but they should not argue with them – management should find out what the matter is. 82 05 20a

1982 06 19

Cambridge was today stunned by a fire which gutted most of the Grove Infants' School, Arbury, and destroyed the staff block at the Manor School. Hundreds of people were woken in the early hours by the sound of the buildings being ripped apart by flames and small explosions. They went out on the streets and watched as firemen fought to control the blaze. Many wept openly. 82 06 19 & a

1983 01 08

Planners rejected a development of 35 houses and 42 flats on part of Magdalene College playing fields at the rear of houses along Arbury Road. A bungalow would have been demolished to make an entrance. But this was the narrowest point of the road where there was already a problem. It would be criminal to put any more traffic down there and create extra danger for children walking to Manor school. It would also overload the sewers. 83 01 08a

1983 09 03

Twenty-eight Cambridgeshire schools use corporal punishment. At Burwell Village College the cane is used by the warden on very rare occasions, at Cottenham only in extreme cases such as continual bullying and Manor School carry out caning in rare and severe cases. Netherhall School says it is rarely and reluctantly resorted to by the headmaster or his deputies and St Bede's school has a similar policy 83 09 03

1983 10 31

The Manor comprehensive school on Arbury Road – one of the city's biggest with more than 800 pupils – has been earmarked for closure within three years. The County says the children will be dispersed to other comprehensives and the building handed over to the rapidly-expanding Cambridgeshire College of Further Education. The Manor Boys and Girls schools opened in 1959 to serve the rapidly-growing estate. They merged in 1970 and became a comprehensive five years later. But numbers started to fall. It is a central focus in Arbury and its loss would do immeasurable damage to the community 83 10 31 p1

1984 05 16

The Queen gave her royal seal of approval to Cambridge's multi-million pound Grafton Centre when she unveiled a plaque to mark its official opening. Cheering crowds queued for hours to glimpse her. A fanfare performed by the 20-piece orchestra from the Manor School greeted the royal party. After the opening the queen spoke to many of the children and shop staff. Earlier hundreds were outside the station for the arrival of her train, pulled by a locomotive named after Mr Jim Nightall, the brave footplateman who saved Soham from disaster by unhitching a blazing bomb-laden train during the war. 84 05 16 p12

1984 08 07

Cambridge sub-postmasters have decided not to oppose the closure of three of the city's 26 post offices. Their salaries have dropped substantially during the past year because of changes in Post Office administration and they feel the business must be spread around the remaining offices to make them viable. The sub-post offices at Arbury Road, Gwydir Street and Richmond Road are due to close by the end of the year 84 08 07 p7

1984 09 12

Campaigners have lost their battle to save two Cambridge post offices in Arbury Road and Gywidr Street. They will close within a few months, but the threatened Richmond Road sub post office will remain open in view of the weight of public opinion. Coun Andrew Duff, one of the Liberal members fighting to keep the Richmond Road office going says he is delighted at the change of heart 84 09 12

1984 11 15

Community Magazines carry a wealth of local information. The 'Whither Whittlesford', 'Bar Hill News' and 'Voice of Arbury' publications were prize-winners in the Community News Contest. Now representatives will attend the annual dinner of the East Anglian Association of Industrial Editors at Newnham College to receive their awards. The Arbury team will use the money to buy a Polaroid camera to improve the topicality of their illustrations 84 11 15 p20

1985 03 11

King's Court, four research and development blocks on the site of Solus Electronics in Kirkwood Road, is a further step in the creation of a silicon belt near Trinity College's Science Park. Others are St John's Innovation Centre and a 20-acre Cambridge Business Park. Plans which have failed to gain permission are for a 60-acre Cambridge Technology Centre off King's Hedges Road and St John's 'teardrop' site on Milton Road. There is a tremendous demand for high-tech property with half the new development under offer before it has been advertised. 85 03 11d

1985 07 15

Pupils at Grove School in Arbury have celebrated the opening of their primary school – just days before the summer holidays start. Two classrooms and other buildings lost in a blaze on the site two years ago have been replaced. The school now has a bigger hall, new changing rooms, kitchen, library and administration and staff rooms. One of the new classrooms will be used as a unit for visually impaired children. A second stage in the rebuilding work will see the erection of a unit for physically handicapped children. 85 07 15a

1985 08 08

Cambridge could soon get a third new superstore competing with Tesco at Bar Hill, Sainsburys in Coldham's Lane and the Beehive complex off Newmarket Road. Asda plans to build a huge new complex on Milton Road opposite the Arbury and King's Hedges housing estates. It would take up almost half of the Cambridge Business Park and include a 750-space car park 85 08 08

1985 11 07

Cambridge planners have thrown out three major proposals that would have created 1,500 new jobs for the city. Out went a scheme to build an Asda superstore in the new Cambridge Business Park in Milton Road and out went plans for a big new shopping centre between King's Hedges Road and the northern bypass. Also rejected was a Unex scheme for a giant complex for high-tech research on the site of a disused vegetable warehouse site between Hills Road and Brooklands Avenue. Planners say it left no room for landscaping and minimal room for parking. Appeals will be made against all the decisions. 85 11 07c

1986 01 22

No developments companies have expressed interest in building and running a small row of shops on the junction of Buchan Street and King's Hedges Road. The restricted site would be expensive to build and not yield high rents. In addition there has been extensive publicity about possible supermarket building schemes in the area. The city council may build the shops itself in the hope of finding tenants. 86 01 22

1986 03 18

Two city libraries are again under threat of closure, only years after a successful survival battle. Mill Road library is on the wrong side of the railway bridge while Milton Road library is only half-a-mile from Arbury Court. But Councillor Janet Jones describes the plans as disgraceful and says many children and elderly people will be devastated if Milton Road is closed. However Bar Hill and Milton villages are fast-growing and need some library facilities, a report says. 86 03 18

1986 06 06

Camtech's plans for two giant supermarkets at Arbury Camp would fit in with the Unex Group's proposal for a major supermarket and non-food shops on a retail park off King's Hedges Road. But it would offer competition to other schemes currently under discussion. These are the giant Marks and Spencer / Tesco plan for two superstores, a 300-bedroom hotel and multi-screen cinema at Trumpington, Asda's ideas for a supermarket at the Cambridge

Business Park on Milton Road and the proposed Tesco store in the Milton Park housing development 86 06 06

1986 06 14

North Arbury has been dubbed a 'no-go' area where residents fear to leave their homes at night. But on Saturday evening a mother placidly pushed her pram through the darkened streets, a toddler following at her heels. Women of all ages were walking or cycling with no signs of fear. An old woman, wearing a thick coat to keep out the damp, hobbled down the road past a couple of teenagers in summer whites headed for a Saturday night out while a couple of young lovers had found a courting spot on a quiet stretch of green. The only group missing seemed to be the police, who had publicly denied it was a 'no-go' area. And there was no sign of the vigilant groups residents had talked of setting up 86 06 14b

1986 08 02

Developers Camtech announced plans for a massive new science-cum-shops development for the giant 55-acre Arbury Camp Farm. It comprises a mixture of high-tech research and development buildings and two retail units either side of a five-acre lake. One would be a food superstore and the other sell D-I-Y and gardening products. There would also be a park-and-ride site with room for 600 cars. But an Inquiry into another scheme for the same area was told that it would have a detrimental impact on local stores and shops. 86 08 02 & 2a

1986 08 27

British Rail may build new stations near Cambridge and Huntingdon as part of a modernisation scheme. A county transportation spokesman called for stations at Milton and at new villages near Waterbeach and Swavesey which are under consideration in the Structure Plan review. He'd also like to see the St Ives to Cambridge line re-opened and a stop at Milton would help to service the Science Park as well. This was endorsed by the Railway Development Society who also suggested stations at North Arbury and Cherry Hinton. 86 08 27

1986 10 24

Cambridge councillors have changed their minds about the future of council-owned allotment land at Histon Road. They had wanted Green Belt protection on the 33-acre site which would prevent any form of development from taking place there. However 11 acres are derelict and could be reserved for possible housing schemes and recreational use. But any hypermarket development there would mean the death of the shopping centre at Arbury Court and should be blocked. 86 10 24

1986 12 22

Facilities in the King's Hedges area are not as bad as claimed: the accommodation is good and most people are quite happy watching television. But there is plenty of room for improvement, say residents. There is a library but more nightclubs would be welcomed by young people together with public lavatories and a chemist's shop and there is only one bus service. 86 12 22

1987 03 24

Store giant Sainsbury's has announced plans for a superstore on the Arbury Camp site, creating more than 300 jobs. The supermarket could occupy a six-acre site closest to the interchange between the Northern Bypass and Histon Road. It would have a petrol station, coffee shop and parking for 500 cars. There would also be a park-and-ride site. This would be part of a mixed development of retail and research areas with a large ornamental lake. An Inspector has recommended that the site be taken out of the belt because it made a minimal contribution to the special character of Cambridge. But planners have so far disagreed 87 03 24

1987 03 30

The Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, has approved the controversial decision to close the Roger Ascham School for the physically handicapped in Cambridge, despite a long-running battle by parents and governors to save it. Pupils will be transferred to special units at the Grove Primary School and Impington Village College as part of the county council policy of integrating handicapped youngsters with able-bodied children. The senior education officer said he was pleased, though upset that the news had been leaked before parents could be told officially. 87 03 30

1987 12 01

Cambus has bought the entire coach operation of arch rivals Premier Travel. Premier, founded in 1936 has dominated the Cambridge travel scene in recent years and is expecting record profits. It has a fleet of 75 coaches based in Kings Hedges Road and all 129 employees in the coach division will become employees of Cambus. Earlier this year the two companies started a joint venture involving a travel centre at Drummer Street bus station. 87 12 01

1988 01 02

Premier Travel, one of Cambridge's biggest coach firms, has been bought out by its management after an earlier deal with Cambus fell through. Its founder, Arthur Lainson is delighted the company will be retaining its identity. Premier Travel, founded in 1936, has dominated the local travel scene with a fleet of 75 coaches based in King's Hedges Road. The travel part of the business, which includes 14 travel agencies across East Anglia, is to be sold off separately. 88 01 02

1988 07 29

A large new township complete with a major shopping centre and a new village development off the A10, both within easy reach of Cambridge, are proposed by the Government. And Whitehall says that planning restrictions should be removed from the vast Arbury Camps Farm site bordering the Northern Bypass which should be used for hi-tech industrial purposes. But it appears as if plans for a giant housing estate at Clay Farm, Trumpington have been rejected in order to protect the Green Belt. 88 07 29

1988 08 03

A giant new housing estate may be built on allotments on the corner of King's Hedges and Histon Roads. About 30 acres could be used for housing with the remainder turned over to recreational use. In the past proposals to build have resulted in shoals of complaints from allotment holders but much of the land is disused and the allotments could be consolidated on a much smaller plot elsewhere. However the City council have no intention of making the site available for a new regional college for 16-19 years old as is being considered by the County council. 88 08 03

1988 10 13

St George's church celebrates its 50th birthday. The population of the parish almost doubled with the building of the North Arbury Estate bringing people in from different areas. To foster a community spirit parishioners launched a parish newsletter 'Chesterton Challenge' which is still going strong. It was one of the first free newspapers in the country. They also launched a 'Fish' scheme providing emergency help for anyone who needs it. The first couple to be married in the church, Frank Shaw and Dorothy Whitworth, are returning for the occasion. 88 10 13a

1989 02 15

Property developers are bidding to buy Parkside fire station so they can build houses, a hotel or offices on the site. In return they will fund new fire stations at Arbury and Trumpington. At present fire tenders are often delayed by traffic and this would boost response time. The plum



site overlooks Parker's Piece and is worth many millions of pounds. Now county councillors will reconsider the idea which was previously floated a year ago. 89 02 15

1989 02 21

Kings Hedges Infants and Junior Schools in Cameron Road may need to be knocked down and completely rebuilt. The schools, which celebrate their 21st birthday this year, have fallen into a state of 'disgraceful neglect', Governors claim. The roofs leak, the windows are loose, there is no paint on the outside. It will be cheaper to demolish them rather than undertake repairs. 89 02 21

1989 04 04

A high-tech computer system set to revolutionise Cambridgeshire's 15 main libraries has gone on line. Chief librarian Brendan Dwyer checked out the first book on the 'Cambook' system at Arbury Court. It will provide instant information about books on loan and a faster reservation system. "Pioneering the latest technology will help us to continue to offer a faster efficient service throughout the 1990s", he said 89 04 04a

1989 06 28

Two internationally-known developers plan a giant new sports complex sprawling over 40 acres between King's Hedges and the northern bypass. It would have a wide range of indoor and outdoor facilities including an indoor pool and an athletics track for public use. It is on land soon to be removed from the green belt, close to the site of the new Regional College. The scheme comes after planners snubbed a £20 million scheme by Cambridge University to build a sports complex in the west of the city. 89 06 28

1989 07 14

Arbury School, Carlton Way, head teacher Barry Jones retires – 89 07 14

1989 10 30

Cambridge Regional College is to be relocated on a new, purpose-built campus at King's Hedges. It will be built in four phases starting with business studies, a library and sports hall which should be completed by 1993. It will also have a shopping mall. The old mineral railway line which runs to St Ives could be extended to transport students from the city centre. But there will be ample car parking available for teachers and students. The present city-centre sites will be sold off for redevelopment 89 10 30

1989 11 23

A giant 600-home council estate could be built on allotment land off Histon and King's Hedges Road in a bid to ease the desperate housing crisis in Cambridge. The allotments are under-used and could be relocated. The land and a huge acreage bordering the A45 Northern Bypass is in the 'Green Belt' which is protected from development. But the Government has indicated it wants this removed so it could be used for hi-tech purposes. Some councillors are unhappy with the number of homes being suggested and would prefer fewer to be built 89 11 23

1990 03 20

King's Hedges Neighbourhood Centre, Buchan Street topped-out 90 03 20a

1990 05 25

Buchan House residential home and day centre to be kept closed until county find company to run it under new privatisation policies – 90 05 25b

1990 06 05

Primrose Croft residents to be moved to Buchan House during renovations – 90 06 05